and to identify inadequacies or lapses if any in this regard;

—to make recommendations with regard to preventive measures as well as arrangements for dealing with such emergencies in future.

**Excess payment made by N.P.C.C.**

2181. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a case of excess payment to a private contractor at Chamera Unit of NPCC Limited under the approval of the then Executive Director (Northern Region) of NPCC was registered with CBI for necessary inquiry and investigations; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the above mentioned Executive Director (Northern Region) of NPCC Limited was subsequently appointed as Chairman and Managing Director of NPCC Limited in October, 1990 by Government; and if so, why such an appointment made during the pendency of the said inquiry against the officer ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The issue of appointment during pendency of inquiry does not arise.

**Tender submitted by N.P.C.C.**

2182. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Corporate Office of N.P.C.C. Limited prepared a tender for construction of Tonghabadra Barrage in Andhra Pradesh and sent it to its Company's Hyderabad Office for submission on 2nd December, 1991 :

(b) whether it is a fact that the said tender was not submitted in time to the Department as a result of which N.P.C.C. failed to bag this work of nearly Rs. 25.0 crores; and

(c) what are the facts and details behind the late submission of the said tender by N.P.C.C. and whether any action was taken against the officials responsible for this delay in submission of the said tender ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The then Deputy General Manager incharge of Hyderabad Office of N.P.C.C. on reportedly receiving a threatening call sent the tender by registered post a shortwhile before the opening of the tenders on the due date. Preliminary investigations did not hold him responsible for the delay in submission of the tender.

**Awarding of Sub-contracts by N.P.P.C,**

2183. SHRI M. A. BABY : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that N.P.C.C. Limited floated in 1990 limited tenders to sub-contract works worth Rs. 2.5 crores as its Mahakali Irrigation Projects, Nepal instead of giving the tender in open press; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that the lowest bid received by N.P.C.C. against the above tender was 5 per cent less than the estimated rates of N.P.C.C. but